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OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA.

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 2840

1. TEXT FOLLOWSOF SUGGESTED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO  
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA:

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
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WHEN I WROTE RECENT TO EXTEND TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS ON  
THE OCCASION OF YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT UNDER THE  
NEW VOLTAN CONSITUTION, I EPXRESSED ALSO MY CONCERN FOR  
THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR PEOPLE AND THOSE IN NEIGHBORING  
SAHEL COUNTIRES. TO FURTHER DEMONSTRATE MY INTEREST IN  
SAHELIAN DEVELOPMENT IN A PERSONAL WAY, I HAVE ASKED MY  
MOTHER, MRS. LILLIAN CARTER, TO ACT AS MY PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE DURING HER VISIT TO THE GAMBIA, SENEGAL,  
UPPER VOLTA, AND MALI FROM JULY 24 TO AUGUST 2.

3. AS YOU MAY KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THE CARTER FAMILY HAS  
BEEN INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS.  
AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS IN OUR HOME REGION OF GEORGIA  
ARE IN SOME WAYS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN UPPER VOLTA, AND WE  
AND OUR NEIGHBORS GROW LARGE QUANTITIES OF PEANUTS,  
COTTON, AND MAIZE AS DO VOLTAN FARMERS. MY MOTHER, DURING  
A LIFETIME IN RURAL GEORGIA, HAS BECOME INTIMATELY FAMILIAR  
WITH THE HARDSHIPS FOR AMERICAN FARMERS OCCASIONALLY  
EXPERIENCE FROM DROUGHT AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS.  
I HOPE THAT DURING MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT SHE WILL HAVE AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FIRSTHAND ABOUT THE PROBLEMS  
CURRENTLY FACING SAHELIAN FARMERS AND THE EFFORTS YOU ARE  
MAKING BOTH UNILATERALLY AND THROUGH CILSS TO FIND  
SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS.

4. MISS LILLIAN IS ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT  
THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN VOLTAN SOCIETY AND THEIR CONTRI-  
BUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY. AND, AS A  
FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER HERSELF, SHE NATURALLY  
WISHES TO MEET AND TALK WITH SOME OF THE YOUNG AMERICAN  
VOLUNTEERS NOW LIVING AND WORKING IN UPPER VOLTA. THROUGH  
HER YEARS, I AND ALL AMERICANS HOPE TO KNOW AND BETTER  
UNDERSTAND THE VOLTAN PEOPLE AND THE CHALLENGES THEY  
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FACE.

5. I REGRET THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO  
AFRICA WITH MISS LILLIAN AT THIS TIME. I HOPE, HOWEVER,  
TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO  
CONSULT FREQUENTLY ON PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN IN  
AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.  
SINCERELY JIMMY CARTER. KILLION

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